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The Queen In Residence

There is some speculation afoot to the effect that Queen Elizabeth might consider taking up temporary residence in her Realm of Canada for a few weeks at a time and attend to her constitutional duties at Ottawa in the same way as she customarily performs them at London...

Another fact to be kept in mind is that at least two other Commonwealth members, Australia and New Zealand, are as deeply devoted to the Crown as is Canada. Obviously, therefore, the Queen could not reside in Canada for any length of time without giving those other nations equal recognition of the royal favour...

Whether the suggestion, on proper consideration, be found practicable or not, it seems certain that from now on the Sovereign will be coming to Canada much more frequently than in the past. It may be that the formal opening of each new Parliament—not each session—will become standard practice.

A Profound Truth

"While the United Nations Organization has its limitations, if it did not exist we would want one." That is one of the more reasonable arguments for the continuance of the U.N. It has been one's lot to note for many a day. And it was not expressed by a leading statesman, a distinguished political scientist or a politician schooled in diplomacy...

Come to think of it, the statement expresses a profound truth respecting other institutions besides the U.N. Take Parliament, for instance. It is not difficult to find people who feel that the trappings of Parliament could be dispensed with without doing much harm. It is, of course, an expensive institution; and much of the time of its members is taken up in meaningless debate...

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It is unquestionably weak and ineffective in at least some of its constitutional functions. Yet, if it were to be dissolved tomorrow, it is safe to say that millions of people the world over would immediately set about extolling its achievements. As the teenager said, if there were no U.N. we would want one.

Not A Failure

It is becoming clear that opposition strategy in the current session of Parliament calls for a belittling of the recent Commonwealth financial talks at Mont Tremblant. The Prime Minister is ready for it, however; and although he would be the first to admit that the expansion of trade within the Commonwealth will present many problems, he certainly has nothing to apologize for in what he has been able to achieve so far. The very fact that a full scale conference has been arranged for some time next year or the year after is proof that Commonwealth leaders agree with his proposals, at least in principle.

Sir David Eccles, President of the British Board of Trade and a member of the British delegation to Mont Tremblant, is by no means pessimistic about the prospects. Speaking to a service club in London, he observed that "the British Commonwealth got its second wind at Mont Tremblant, and we shall see a form of mutual help and expanded trade which will be of the greatest benefit." That surely doesn't fall in with the opposition's claim that the conference was pretty much of a failure.

Great Journalist Passes

Canada lost its dean of journalism in the death yesterday of Mr. E. Norman Smith, president and chief editor of the Ottawa Journal. For almost seventy years a practising newspaperman, Mr. Smith at eighty-six was active until his last illness, keeping a constant eye upon his beloved editorial page which has maintained a standard unexcelled by any newspaper on the continent.

During the many years in which Mr. Smith guided the policies of his paper, it has stood for freedom of speech without license, courteous and fair treatment to all, integrity in public affairs and vision and initiative in dealing with Canada's problems at home and abroad. Not infrequently it has led public opinion and sparked movements of far-reaching consequence in political and social reform. In late years Mr. Smith had the able support of his son, Mr. Ian Smith, as associate editor, whose articles have frequently been quoted in these columns and who is among the ablest commentators in Canada.

The great co-operative organization known as The Canadian Press was established chiefly through Mr. Norman Smith's efforts, and remains as a monument to his zeal and foresight. So too does The Journal, which has suffered a grievous loss in his passing, but which will, we have no doubt, continue to reflect his consistently high ideals.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is reported that twice in one Parliamentary sitting the Prime Minister absentmindedly referred to Mr. St. Laurent as "the Right Honourable the Prime Minister." He had better not keep it up or Mr. St. Laurent will begin to believe that there was no change after all.

A Japanese educator now visiting the United States is quoted as saying that her students in Tokyo "have great difficulty in reading the translated works of the American novelist William Faulkner," although he is a favorite among them. They ought not to feel too badly. A good many who read him in the original don't find the chore as easy as they might wish.

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AT U. N. ASSEMBLY

Two Moons In The Sky

By Heath Macquarrie, M.P.

On our last evening in New York before leaving for Ottawa and the opening of Parliament we visited the Hayden Planetarium, one of the great city's wonder spots. To spend some time in this unique building is an unforgettable and wonderful experience which takes one to lofty realms of contemplation and imagination. Here we enter a world of such broad dimensions and illimitable possibilities that our earth and its trials and tribulations seem but petty stuff, a mere moment of eternity. The Hayden Planetarium seeks to stimulate interest in a study of the great universe and every modern technological device is used to convey in understandable terms such scant knowledge as man has so far been able to learn about the larger world.

In this interesting building one finds many devices for demonstrating the essential and elementary data of our universe. In one room a spherical light on the ceiling represents the sun, and revolving about it are smaller balls completing their orbits on relative time scales to the planets. Mercury, the nearest to the sun, makes the complete journey much faster than more remote planets like Venus, the Earth, Mars and the others.

In this room the planet representations are carefully scaled as to the time of their years but not as to size. But on the great dome of the planetarium the visitor is given a demonstration of the relative magnitude of heavenly bodies. Projected before him is our own planet and three smaller neighbors, Venus, Mars and Mercury, next the large planets, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune are shown in relationship to the size of the sun, and if this were not enough to make us realize how small we and our earth really are, the mechanical apparatus of the planetarium then throws a picture on the screen which creates the effect of our moving farther and farther away from the sun and its planets. As this happens the mighty sun becomes smaller and smaller in relation to the millions of other heavenly bodies and finally it almost disappears from view.

MAKES DEEP IMPRESSION Although acquainted somewhat with the basic facts of our universal structure one is nevertheless deeply impressed by such a graphic demonstration of the vastness of the wider world in which we live. With this feeling, of course, there comes a recognition of our own insignificance. A former president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, once told how if he were ever tempted to pride or conceit he would look up to the heavens.

The Queen's Farms

The Country Guide, Winnipeg

Since 1951, practically the whole of the 650 acres have been under the plow. This was no easy task, because the soil at Windsor was many variations of heavy silt on gravel subsoil, and heavy London clay and flooding, too, presents its hazards. The rotation practiced is one in which two straw crops (one of winter oats following winter wheat) are followed by a clearing crop of roots, chiefly kale, after which come two further straw crops, spring wheat and barley, the last being sown in dry years the land is ideal for barley growing yielding up to 95 bushels to the acre. In 1956 the Queen's Farms won first prize for the best sample grown in Berkshire in the National Mating Barley competition and placed third in the ten Home Counties.

Apart from the cash crops of barley and wheat, the cropping program is mainly devised for the provision of feeding stuffs for the dairy herds of Avonshire and Jersey cattle and their other stock. The Queen's interest and concern in things agricultural is evident from the fact that she rarely stays in Windsor Castle without paying a visit to her two holdings there, the Royal Dairy Farm and Shaw Farm. Her Majesty carries on the plan, formulated by her late father, by which the two Royal farms are worked as highly productive units. Not only do they supply the Royal Household, but have now reached the state in which both stock and produce can be sold on the open market. It was George III who converted some 1,500 acres in Windsor Great Park, a former hunting forest of marsh and scrub, into farm land. In 1951 the late King George VI called in Mr. Frank Sykes, one of England's most progressive farmers, to formulate a scheme whereby the Royal farms could play a part in the food production drive of post-war Britain. Six years later, the results of sound commercial planning are obvious, and with an expenditure of money no greater than would have been permissible on any farm of similar size in the country.

Looks Won't Reveal TB Case

By Herman N. Dunsdale, M.D. Glance into the mirror for a moment. Then ask yourself this question: Does that handsome person standing before me have tuberculosis? Then try to answer. Look at the reflection of your face. Look at your eyes, your lips. If you are honest with yourself, you will answer: "I don't know; how can I tell?"

LOOKS DON'T TELL

This is exactly the point I'm trying to make—you can't tell from a person's looks whether he has tuberculosis. Oh, there are signs and symptoms, of course. First of these to appear usually are a cough that you just can't get rid of, a slight fever, loss of weight or a feeling that you are tired all the time. But these symptoms may not appear until months after the tuberculosis germs first infect your body.

NO OUTWARD SIGN

In the beginning, when tuberculosis is most easily cured, there may be no outward sign of infection at all. Let's get one more thing straight before we go any further. We've got tuberculosis on the run, but it's not licked yet. Unless everyone protects himself and his family, tuberculosis will always present a danger to all of mankind.

Right now about 500,000 persons have the disease. And many of them don't know it! It is these persons who face the most danger. Don't take any chances. Make sure everyone in your family gets an annual chest X-ray. In addition, your doctor may recommend a skin patch test which discloses whether you have a tuberculous condition.

LABORATORY TESTS

If tuberculosis is indicated, your doctor can obtain proof by making certain laboratory tests. Only if he gives you a clean bill of health can you be positive that you do not have tuberculosis. Even if you have tuberculosis, it doesn't necessarily mean that you will have to spend long months in a sanatorium. Some infections are discovered so early that no hospital care is needed. Careful and wholesome living habits along with periodic medical check-ups may be all that is needed. So give that face in the mirror some good advice. Tell him to have a chest X-ray tomorrow. QUESTION AND ANSWER S.F.G.: I had my baby's head X-rayed for mental deficiency, and the test was negative. Could the child still have mental deficiency? Answer: Yes. Most cases of mental deficiency in a child are very difficult to diagnose. It is only rarely that a defect in the brain or brain mechanism may be detected on X-ray.

The Age Old Story

In all ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path.

The Poet's Corner

STROLL ON A WHITE DAY

This is white, but this is more. The carpet of the winter floor. Every footprint leaves a mark. Hear the unseen coming lark. Jump across so childlike over That block-like meadowland of clover. Know that though the year is older, The tiny brook is not much colder. The stream that houses silver, Slim, Small fishes, where you too shall swim. Do not shake that snowy bush; Later in an April hush, You shall see what feathers hatch. Wait! That whiteness is a patch Of white strawberry-kneed now Do not move the snow-bent bough! Soon, within your warmest reach You shall catch the falling peach.

—Joseph Joel Keith is the New York Herald-Tribune

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(Oct. 15, 1932)

Good will and a strong community spirit reigned in the City yesterday with the opening of the Community Sunshine Days. A quickening of the pulse of business was evident throughout the day, and enthusiastic crowds were on hand to witness the various parades. Last night over 2000 attended the entertainment program at the Forum and it is expected that today an even larger crowd will be on hand to enjoy the festivities.

DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONS

While we have made a mere beginning in our efforts to penetrate the secrets beyond our terrestrial sphere we have pushed to a high degree of perfection our techniques for bringing ruin and chaos here on earth. If we have advanced our knowledge sufficiently to put a new moon in the sky, so have we mastered the art of filling the skies with death-dealing missiles which could be released in an aerial war of destruction. The choice between such annihilation and peace will have to be made by leaders and people of our day and generation.

NOTES BY THE WAY

It has been suggested that the reason there were fewer wrecks in the horse and buggy days was because the driver didn't depend wholly on his own intelligence.—St. Thomas Times Journal.

Way of governments in regulating industry is much akin to way of fleas with dogs. An unwary pooch can pick up a lot of 'em in a hurry, they breed fast, and once installed they're mighty hard to eradicate.—Fort Erie Letter-Review

A toy shovel almost dug a grave for a woman and her three small children in a community north of Toronto the other day. According to a news report, the shovel was being used to replace a missing fuse in a fuse box and, naturally, fire broke out. Some people still haven't realized that fuses are the only proper thing for fuse boxes.—Toronto Star.

Major General H. W. Foster, C.B.E., D.S.O., general officer commanding Eastern Command, Halifax accompanied by Mrs. Foster and Captain Matheson Command Cadet Officer, will arrive in the City Wednesday evening. While here Major General Foster will visit local militia units and will be the honour guest of the Officers Mess at a reception at the Charlottetown Armouries.

TEN YEARS AGO

(Oct. 19, 1947)

For the past three weeks, the Dominion Department of Public Works has been carrying out extensive work in the improving of facilities for storage purposes at Government potato shed located on the Railway Wharf. The work includes the construction of vestibules inside each shed door and the laying of a new two-inch groove and tongue floor above a frost-proof insulating material.

Some Swiss doctors have started a campaign to persuade their government to discard paper money and revert to coins. Even relatively new banknotes, they say, are covered with so many microbes that a single bill contains enough to kill certain animals. The coins, the physicians say, could be periodically decontaminated.—Pueblo, Madrid

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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Province of Prince Edward Island

SEALED TENDERS will be received until noon on Friday, 1 November, 1957, for the Asphalt Paving of WOOD ISLANDS ROAD SECTION COUNTY LINE to MURRAY RIVER, a distance of 7 miles.

Specifications and Tender Forms may be obtained at the office of the undersigned, Provincial Building, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

NOTE: Tenders will be opened at the above advertised time, and bidders are invited to present their bids in person, or otherwise, and be present at the opening.

J. G. MacKAY, Minister of Highways.

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. 17 October, 1957.

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